

will join me in honoring the work that he has done for the city of Philadelphia, here in Congress and the work that he will continue to do on behalf of our country as Ambassador to Italy. I urge all of my colleagues to support H.R. 2931, to redesignate the naval facility located in Gricignano d'Aversa, Italy, currently known as the Naples Support Site, as the "Thomas M. Foglietta Support Site."

TRIBUTE TO THE PEREZ COUNCIL  
#262, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to Perez Council #262 of the Knights of Columbus as they celebrate their 100th year of promoting the ideals of Columbianism in Passaic, NJ. The entire community has benefitted from the principles of this order, namely charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

On September 7, 1897, a small group of Catholic laymen met with the Reverend John A. Shepherd to form what would eventually become the Perez Council #262, Knights of Columbus, Passaic, NJ. The founders quickly became pillars of the religious and civic community. The names Ryan, Bowes, Driscoll, Gallagher, Galvin, Whelan, Cogan, and Burgoyne still elicit fond memories from the older gentlemen of the Passaic members of the Knights of Columbus.

Through good times and bad, the Council has provided the moral leadership for the surrounding community. During the Depression era, the Passaic Knights of Columbus lost their home on Hoover Avenue and Washington Place. Yet, their spirit was kept alive by a number of dedicated members, who continued to meet regularly in the building they once called their own. Happily, in March 1947, with the help of His Excellency The Most Reverend Thomas H. McLaughlin, and our Chaplain, the Right Reverend Monsignor William V. Dunn, the Passaic Knights once again found themselves on firm financial footing, with a home of their own.

The Perez Council has much to celebrate, including a long and distinguished record of leadership in the field of religious activity. In 1912, the Council leapt into the fledgling field of the Retreat Movement, sponsoring trips to areas in New York and New Jersey for meditation. They have played a pioneering role in attempting to bridge the gap between the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. In 1956, the Council held its Annual Communion Breakfast in the Parish Hall of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church of the Eastern Rite.

The members of the Council have also distinguished themselves in service to our country. During the First World War, sixty-eight brothers were in the Armed Forces. Twenty-eight answered the call during the Second World War. Others served during the Korean War and the conflict in Vietnam. Many brothers continue to serve, giving up their time to assist injured Catholic veterans and help these veterans attend mass in the East Orange Veteran's Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and the entire Passaic area in con-

gratulating Perez Council #262 of the Knights of Columbus on one hundred years of serving the spiritual needs of the community.

RECOGNITION OF THE JAMES L.  
GAMBLE FAMILY AS NORTHEAST  
EL PASO FAMILY OF THE YEAR  
FOR 1996

**HON. SILVESTRE REYES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the James L. Gamble family as the Northeast El Paso Family of the Year for 1996. Jim and Flo Gamble moved to El Paso in 1967 and have served the El Paso community with unmatched dedication ever since. Although Jim Gamble, Sr., passed away last year, the family has not relented in their pursuit of improving El Paso and the lives of all El Pasoans.

The Gambles have been members of Highland Presbyterian Church for more than 20 years. Jim Gamble, Sr., was a ruling Elder of the Session and chairman of the Worship Committee, which oversees worship services, communion, and supervises the positions of organist and music director. Flo Gamble is employed as secretary of Highland Presbyterian Church and teaches Sunday School to Junior High Youth.

Jim Gamble, Sr., served his country in the U.S. Army for 20 years. After his retirement from the Army, he worked for 14 years for the Federal Bureau of Prisons as physician's assistant at La Tuna Federal Correctional Facility until he retired again to turn his attention to community and civic pursuits with a goal of helping children and young people. He joined the Northgate Optimist Club and served as president, vice president, member of the board of directors, and secretary-treasurer. He was also active in the probe by Providence Memorial Hospital to bring medical facilities to Northeast El Paso. Jim was an ex-president of the Northeast Democratic Party and helped to raise funds for the Reach for a Star Program.

Jim Gamble, Jr., is the current president of the Northgate Optimist Club and has been nominated by his club for Lt. Governor of his district. He works in every area of the club functions, especially with the Reach for a Star Program and the Thanksgiving Dinner for young military men who are away from their families during the holidays. Jim Gamble, Jr., is also a member of the Highland Presbyterian Church and is currently serving as an Elder and works with the Fellowship Committee.

I am proud to recognize the entire Gamble family as the Northeast El Paso Family of the Year for 1996. On behalf of all El Pasoans, I would like to commend the Gambles for providing leadership and dedication in our community. They are shining beacons of hospitality and vitality, shining as bright as our star on the mountain.

CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO  
LEADERS

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, last month the ruler of Communist China, Jiang Zemin, was welcomed to Washington by President Clinton. During his visit to the United States, Jiang was defiant in his defense of Communist China's appalling record on human rights and its violations of non-proliferation agreements.

In the aftermath of Jiang's visit, I was interested to read the article that appeared on the front page of The Washington Post on November 8, 1997 relating to the democratically elected government of the Republic of China on Taiwan. Having met President Lee Teng-hui, I know of his deep commitment to democratic values and respect for human rights. The contrast between these two leaders could not be greater and I commend this informative article to the attention of my colleagues.

LEADER ASSERTS TAIWAN IS "INDEPENDENT,  
SOVEREIGN"

(By Keith B. Richburg)

TAIPEI, TAIWAN, Nov. 7.—Facing pressure to renew high-level talks with China, President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan has taken a defiant stand, ruling out concessions to Beijing and stating bluntly that Taiwan "is an independent and sovereign country."

In an interview at the presidential palace Thursday, Lee made it clear he is in no hurry to see Taiwan reunify with China—not until China "becomes free, democratic and has social justice." He said most Taiwanese prefer the status quo and do not consider Taiwan to be a province of China, as Beijing contends.

Lee repeated an offer made in his inaugural address last year to travel to China for a meeting with Chinese President Jiang Zemin. But he seemed to add a condition: He would go, he said, only if he were allowed to speak freely to average Chinese about Taiwan's experience with democracy.

"I'd like to talk to the people. I'd like to make a speech," he said. "I'd like to speak to young university students."

The hour-long interview provided Lee's first detailed comments to an American newspaper since Jiang and President Clinton met last week in Washington. Lee said he is not worried that the new "strategic partnership" between Washington and Beijing will jeopardize Taiwan's interests or change the island-state's security relationship with the United States.

"Taiwan is a symbol of American idealism," Lee said. "Freedom, democracy and human rights—Taiwan is a symbol."

In the interview and 11 pages of answers to written questions, Lee touched on a variety of topics, from concerns over Taiwanese business growing too dependent on investments in China to confidence that Taiwan will weather the turmoil afflicting East Asian economies. He said it is premature for Taiwan to lift its ban on direct shipping and air links with China. And he said his ruling Nationalist Party "never offered funds, nor has it ever participated in fund-raising activities" to help American political parties in recent elections.

Lee also weighed in on the debate over whether "Asian values" or Western-style liberal democracy is more suited to Asian countries developing their political systems. Lee said the talk of Asian having different values from Westerners is "nonsense."